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MEMORANDUM FOR PLANNING COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

SUBJECT: Economic Guidance Memorandum, 15-04, Deep-Draft Vessel Operating Costs FY 2013 Price Level

1. Deep-draft vessel operating costs (DDVOCs) have been developed by the Institute for Water Resources (IWR) and are published for use by analysts of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for assessment of potential economic benefits associated with waterway improvement projects. Vessel operating cost (VOC) estimates are for limited release and distribution to USACE analysts for development and review of Corps of Engineers waterway project analyses. VOC estimates are not posted or distributed for public access as some or much of the information integral to the estimates is considered sensitive or proprietary by commercial sources and is protected from open or public disclosure under Section 4 of the Freedom of Information Act.
2. USACE analysts should contact their respective MSC Senior Economist to obtain the most recent DDVOC estimates (FY2013 Price Level). A process for indexing these values to current price levels can be obtained from the National Deep Draft Navigation Planning Center of Expertise (DDNPCX). Questions related to this memorandum should be addressed to Jeremy LaDart, CECW-PC, at jeremy.m.ladart@usace.army.mil or by telephone at (202) 734-1861.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce D. Carlson", is positioned above the typed name.

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